

City of Leon Valley Minutes of the Meeting of the
Community Events Committee

May 27, 2015

The meeting of the Community Events Committee convened on Wednesday at 6:39 p.m. at the Leon Valley City Hall, Conference Room, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238.

I. ROLL CALL

Present were Chairman Carlos Vera, Committee Secretary Darcy Vera, Committee and Councilman Ricardo Ruiz and Committee Members Jackie Walton and Staff Liaison Sylvia T. Irwin.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Carlos Vera moved to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2015. Committee Member Jackie Walton seconded the motion. The committee then moved to accept the meeting minutes with one correction. The motion was passed.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Vera then began with the first item on the Agenda, the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 7th. Chairman Vera commented that he felt attendance was less than last year and Committee Secretary Darcy Vera said the event was appreciated.

Chairman Carlos Vera, Committee Secretary Darcy Vera, Committee and Councilman Ricardo Ruiz and Committee Member Jackie Walton were in agreement that there should be more business accessibility and visibility. Commenting that we should reach out to businesses like Liza's Taco House or Bandera Bowl, who did not participate in last year's celebration.

The next item for discussion was preparation for the 4th of July. Chairman Carlos Vera, attended a meeting with Director Elizabeth Carole and Promoter Mike De La Garza at Raymond Rimkus Park. The performance stage will now be closer to the parking lot facing Evers Road and the large pavilion is for performances for children.

Chairman Carlos Vera then brought up a Grand Marshal suggestion of Ancira's Ernesto Ancira or the Spur's Coyote. Council member and Committee Member Ricardo Ruiz brought up Miracle Paint & Body's Manuel Rubio, local Jose Melendez or Soccer Star Manuel Vidios who is proposing a soccer field in Leon Valley. Chairman Carlos Vera said Fire Chief Luiz Valdez suggested former TV Star, Michael Nesmith, who has a street named after him but this committee agreed Michael Nesmith has never been a local Leon Valley citizen.

Following up on the Carnival, which is still an option in the play area, it will require a four day operating agreement.

KSAT will still be our media promoter and will begin promotional announcements five to six days prior or perhaps sooner.

Committee Member Jackie Walton brought up improving the lighting for the event.

Councilman and Committee Member Ricardo Ruiz inquired about a vendor from Earthwise Living Day and Staff Liaison Sylvia Irwin will follow up on all vendors.

Leon Valley Elementary was again considered for the parade lineup with comments on whether it was a good area for the parade but we will work with whatever area is designated.

When water for volunteers and Police was mentioned, Staff Liaison Sylvia Irwin advised there was an aid station located in the main parking lot with plenty of water available last year.

The need for Volunteers and placement of volunteers came up. Special Groups such as a school Spanish Club or a church group was suggested for community hours. Informative signs were also noted as important for parade participants, dignitaries and guest parking.

Chairman Carlos Vera would like to invite Promoter Mike De La Garza to our next meeting and Committee Member Jackie Walton who on the Park Commission will look into the possibility of closing the park before the 4th of July event.

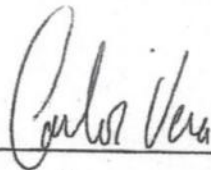
IV. NEW BUSINESS

None.

V. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Carlos Vera and seconded by Ricardo Ruiz. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. The next meeting is May 27, 2015.

Chair



Staff

